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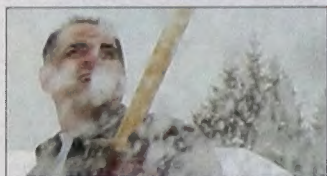
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He went thataway!

Local curlers such as Dwight Thomas, left, and Eric Casper were competing against 16 teams at a bonspiel hosted in Minden. Thomas and Casper discuss a shot in the 6th end, leading 10 - 7. Larry Goreski and Royce Miller were also on the team. For more curling action, see page 10.

Ice not safe

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

Dubious ice conditions, along with temperatures expected to reach an unusual '8° on New Year's Eve, are prompting local officials to advise the public to stay clear of lakes and ice this weekend.

"Honestly, it's not safe yet. On our lake the ice is still uneven," says Renata Swiezski, co-owner of The Clansman Motel, which rents ice-fishing huts on Boshkung Lake.

Swiezski says ice conditions

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Tsunami victims' donations can go to CIBC

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

The Minden CIBC bank is accepting donations on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross for earthquake and tsunami victims in Southern Asia.

Before *The Times* went to press, the latest death toll had surpassed 110,000 people. Officials from the International

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Shovelling and, sigh, more shovelling

Dan Belli clears snow from his building's roof in Minden prior to the blizzard on Wednesday, Dec. 22. Belli recalls past years when this was the normal occurrence rather than the unexpected. He's lived in the area for more than 20 years.

Balmy temperatures could make ice conditions worse

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have not been ideal thus far due to December's massive snowfall, which has acted as an insulating force, thereby preventing the ice below from entering a deep freeze. Tomorrow's unseasonably warm temperatures are expected to make conditions even worse.

Snowmobilers are also being asked to use common sense if heading out this

weekend. The Haliburton County Snowmobile Associations (HCSA) still has closed trails, along with a number of limited trails, due to the precarious conditions.

"There's a lot of water spots on some of the trails," says Pat Hemphill, one of the directors of HCSA. "There are water issues because we haven't had the frost in the ground prior to the snow."

Hemphill says groomers have been trying to work through some of the rough spots, but until Mother Nature lends a helping hand, people are urged to respect the association's signage.

"Essentially, we are not sanctioning anyone crossing lakes because they are not staked and they are not ready. They have to be staked before we can say they are open," says Hemphill.

Donations will be accepted at bank until Jan. 28

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Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies believe the number could exceed 110,000 when all bodies are recovered.

The gargantuan earthquake, which measured 9.0 on the Richter scale, devastated areas in almost a dozen countries. More than half of the total deaths thus far have come from Indonesia, a country nearest to the epicentre of the quake.

Humanitarian aid, especially clean water, is desperately needed for survivors of the tragedy. The combination of humid weather, overflowing seawater, and decomposing bodies has contaminated many of the water supplies. Medical workers fear outbreaks of typhoid, malaria, cholera, and other diseases in the aftermath.

Both Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands councils are expected to discuss how they can contribute to relief efforts when they reconvene early in the new year.

CIBC said donations will be accepted for the crisis up until Jan. 28.

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Storm helped, hindered Christmas sales

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

Local businesses are reporting fairly typical sales this Christmas, despite the major snowstorm on December 23 that prevented many would-be shoppers from leaving their driveways.

"What hurt was that Thursday snow storm. It really knocked us a bit," says John Thomas, owner of Stedman's Department Store in Minden.

Still, Thomas says business remained normal this year due in part because of the demand for Cabbage Patch Dolls, one of his bestsellers this year.

"They made a comeback. It was one of the biggest selling items this year. Not just here, but everywhere. It's probably one of the most sought after toys, other than electronics," says Thomas.

The Cabbage Patch craze made a major cultural impact on Christmas shoppers in the 1980s. Though the dolls aren't making people elbow their way into stores this year, it has been a hot seller at Stedman's and other venues. Thomas says he knew about the demand in advance and stocked extra to accommodate his customers.

"What goes around comes around," says Thomas, referring to the cyclical nature of trends.

While the massive snowfall this month has impeded some retail sales, it has been pure gold for businesses like Home Hardware and Prentice Power Sports, which have been hard-pressed to keep up with the demand for snowblowers.

Home Hardware owner John Pentney completely sold his stock of snowblowers before Christmas, and because of short-supplied manufacturers, has since had trouble replenishing his shelves.

"It's been quite crazy," says Pentney, who added that, despite snowblower sales, overall Christmas figures have remained moderate.

The early winter has also benefited Terry O'Shea, owner of 45th Apparel Clothing Store, whose bestsellers have been polar fleeces.

"When it gets cold, they buy," says O'Shea, who also reported an average Christmas season.

The snow, however, was not good news for everyone. Keith Oitment of Tri-Country Distributors says sales have been "slower this year," particularly sales of satellites.

"The reason the satellites sales slowed down is that our winter came on so fast," says Oitment.

Of course, there were certain retailers who were not affected in the least by December snowstorms. John Acorn of Acorn's Furniture reported an "above average" Christmas, with mattresses and sofas being the biggest hits.

"I'm happy," says Acorn, "Business is good."

Christmas costs:

- The average Canadian spends \$991 on the holiday season.
- Just more than half of that goes to gifts, while the remainder goes to food, drink, travel, and entertainment.
- Ninety-one per cent of Canadians planned to give gifts during the 2004 holiday season.

— Source: Ipsos-Reid



Stedman's employee Karen Ford shows off a Cabbage Patch doll, one of the hottest sellers this holiday season.

Parks Canada signs collective agreement

Parks Canada and the Public Service Alliance of Canada have signed the new collective agreement which the agency's more than 4,800 unionized employees ratified earlier this month by an overwhelming margin.

The agreement was reached following two months of rotating strikes across the country. While work never stopped at the Trent Severn Waterway, which is part of Parks Canada, there were protests at the Haliburton TSW facility.

In December, 90 per cent of employees voted in favour of ratifying the new agreement which will be in effect until August 3, 2007.

Under the agreement, all Parks Canada unionized employees will receive:

- economic increases of 2.5 per cent retroactive to August 5, 2003, and
- increases of 2.25 per cent in 2004-2005, 2.4 per cent in 2005-2006, and 2.5 per cent in 2006-2007. The agency's operational service workers will receive additional salary adjustments ranging from 2.6% to 19%.



Wonderful water

In November, Haliburton's "Eh! Team" travelled to Canales, Guatemala to drill a well for the people in this impoverished village. Unfortunately, they encountered a lot of rock and had to leave home before the well was operational. However, two other members of Living Water International were able to stay behind to continue work on the well. Barry Hart, who organizes the local Living Water volunteer excursions to Guatemala, was thrilled when he received this photo of water pouring out of the new well. The village now has a clean, safe source of water, something most Highlanders take for granted. Hart is organizing another trip in April. If you'd like to give the gift of water to others by participating in the week-long trip or making a donation, please call him at 457-5272 or Mark Bangay at 455-9187.



With Parliament set to vote on same-sex marriage early next year, a rising tension is mounting in the relationship between church and state. The Reverend Riscylla Shaw says her St. Paul's congregation is split on the issue.

The gay divide

What was once a fringe controversy has shifted into the public consciousness

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

Earlier this month, when the Supreme Court gave its blessing for Parliament to decide the gay marriage issue, it exposed a delicate and latent nerve among the Canadian public. Whereas it was once a fringe controversy handled by lower courts, the prospect of same-sex marriage being woven into Canadian law has shifted the weight of the debate firmly into the public consciousness. No one has been in a better position to gauge this shift than religious leaders.

The subject of gay marriage billows between the political and religious, modernity and tradition, individual rights and notions of morality. Ministers, endowed at once with the civil power to perform unions and the divine power to perform marriages, have since been caught in a vortex of contention.

"There are people on both sides of the

debate within my congregation," says the Reverend Riscylla Shaw, pastor at St. Paul's Anglican Church and one of the few local leaders willing to comment on the subject.

Still, she is careful to keep her personal views on the matter private, claiming it compromises her capabilities as pastoral leader.

"If you have some people in your congregation who are for it, then they need to be able to talk to you about their issues. And if you have people who are against it, they also have to be able to talk to you about their issues. So if you stand up and declare loudly one way or the other, you make the people who are on the other side of it feel that they can't come talk to you anymore," says Shaw.

The dichotomy is especially pronounced for more moderate denominations, such as the Anglican and United church. Less so for more fundamentalist-based theologies like the

Pentecostals.

"Personally, my concern isn't marriage. My argument would be that homosexuality is wrong from the very beginning," says Cathy Mitchell, pastor at Allsaw Pentecostal Church. "I don't have any problem with being labelled a bigot. Christ was called every name in the book. That's just more of an attack to undermine my opinion."

Mitchell maintains Pentecostal opinion comes directly from the black and white print of scripture; therefore her view is consistent with members of her congregation. She says the government can legislate what it will so long as it doesn't impede how she conducts business.

"If the government says that a judge can marry a gay couple, that would be a government decision. When you bring that into the church though, and say the church must bless that, then I would have a problem with that," says Mitchell.

The Supreme Court acknowledged this concern when it stipulated that any legislation would have to exempt "the compulsory use of sacred places for the celebration of such marriages".

This nicely frames the issue for decided and entirely unified Pentecostals. For

denominations that struggle with social ambiguities, one gets the sense of walking a tightrope. On Nov. 27, the Anglican Church and the diocese of Toronto, of which Minden is part, held a synod to discuss its position on the same-sex issue. The church council decided not to make a decision until it reconvenes on a national level in 2007.

Even after that, Shaw says, "all the branches will have to decide for themselves whether they are for it or against it."

Individual congregations within the United Church have reportedly held similar meetings on gay marriage, a further sign that the cultural fabric is in for some kind of alteration. Until now, the gay marriage debate has been relegated to appellate courts which have essentially legitimized it in seven provinces (including Ontario) and one territory.

Now the issue is set for a national stage, with local Conservative MP Barry Devolin expected to vote against the legislation. Devolin says 80% of his constituents want to see the traditional definition of marriage preserved.

Parliament goes to vote on the issue some time in the New Year.

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MP Devolin sides with Harper on marriage debate

Local MP Barry Devolin supports Conservative Leader Stephen Harper's promise to bring forward substantive amendments to any Liberal legislation aimed at redefining marriage. Harper was responding to Justice Minister Irwin Cotler's announcement that the Liberal government will introduce marriage-redefining legislation in January.



Barry Devolin

Devolin said he would only support marriage-related legislation that includes the following:

- A clear reaffirmation of the traditional definition of marriage as the life-long union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others.
- A commitment to ensure that all Canadians – including same-sex couples – be treated equally before the law, including their Charter rights regarding benefits and pensions.
- A reliable guarantee of religious freedom for all Canadians, including the right of religious institutions to publicly preach and teach their beliefs related to marriage, and to refuse to perform same-sex marriages if they so choose.

Devolin says that his position is consistent with the recent Supreme Court opinion regarding the definition of marriage that clearly established two important constitutional points.

"First, the Court refused to rule that the traditional definition of marriage is unconstitutional – even when explicitly asked to do so by the federal government," said Devolin. "Second, the Court clearly ruled that the definition of marriage is a civil matter to be decided by elected Members of Parliament rather than a constitutional matter to be determined by the courts."

"Less than six months ago almost 80% of voters in this riding supported candidates who said they agreed with the traditional definition of marriage. On this basis, I am confident the majority of my constituents want to see the traditional definition of marriage preserved," said Devolin.

Victims speak out at conference

Emotional scars linger far longer than physical damage

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Joe Wamback and his wife thought the worst was over when their son survived an attack on his life, but they discovered that the incident left them all with mental wounds for which there is little help.

Wamback was one of 10 speakers at a Responding to Victim/Survivors of Crime and Tragedy conference at the Delta Pinestone. He delivered an emotional yet factual speech about what led him to develop the Victim's Rights Canadian Crime Foundation with his wife Lozanne.

In 1999, his then-15-year-old son Jonathan was brutally attacked by a group of youths. The teenager spent more than a year in the hospital recovering from life-threatening injuries. Joe says the attack has changed all of their lives.

"We have completely different friends now. People kept saying 'Get on with your life. It's been two months for Christ's sake,'" he recalled.

Joe says it was far easier said than done. His son's mental and physical health had been damaged and, while he could find doctors for the latter, he could not find a therapist trained in trauma counselling. Then there are the emotional scars he and his wife carry.

"Our society sees murder as a form of entertainment. And I admit it never used to bother me before my son was hurt to see the fighting on television, shoot-outs in movies. Now I can't watch that. When a family sees that after being victimized by violence it takes another piece of your heart away," says Joe.

He says no one can convince him that the rate of youth violent crime is falling. He argues that the amount of work that the few services he could access for his son are doing shows an alarming increase in the rate of violence. However, what bothers him most is that victims have fewer rights than perpetrators.

"People never believe the system is the way it is, just as we didn't until it happened to us," he says.

He noted that he was not allowed to participate in the trial or even to be there when the case relating to his son was heard. Joe says they were not given enough information or support, particularly compared with offenders who have paid counselling.

He says a woman, whose daughter was murdered, took the killer's verdict to a court of appeal based on the Ontario Victims Bill of Rights but the court ruled that the Bill is only a statement of princi-

ples and does not have legal ramifications. Joe says the bill has no teeth and is not worth the paper it's written on.

He talked about the disparity between crimes of finance and violent crime. Joe says that if you miss one credit card payment, regardless of your age, your name goes on a registry that all companies can access. Yet, if you are convicted of a violent crime such as murder or sexual abuse of a little child, there is no comparable public access to a registry; and if you are a young offender your identity is protected.

His wife Lozanne says dealing with victims of crime is a very painful journey and she gave full credit to the front-line workers at the conference who first deal with those victims.

She says that, through her work and the foundation they have formed, she has cried with many victims and held a lot of hands.

Irene Schoenfeld, a certified trauma specialist for 12 years, says that approach may be the best thing you can do for someone immediately after the crime or tragedy. She says the first 24 to 48 hours are critical in minimizing the trauma a victim goes through.

She cited the example of a client who was a bank teller. After being robbed she was placed in a small office by herself to write a statement and was then put right back to work at her station. She was extremely traumatized and ended up being unable to work and needing counselling before she felt safe enough to leave her house.

Schoenfeld says that, if the woman had been made to feel physically safe after the robbery and had been shown some compassion, then that warm human connec-

tion would have grounded her back in reality. The trauma would have been avoided. People, she said, need to be immediately connected to the loved ones of their choice to ease trauma.

She also suggested to the police officers, emergency service workers, and fire fighters at the conference that victims need to feel physically safe, they need information about what is happening either in a criminal investigation or about any others involved in an accident, fire or other incident. Schoenfeld says another important aspect of avoiding permanent trauma is for victims to be assured their losses or injuries are real and not their fault.

"We have a long history of not validating victim's losses. Think of miscarriages, Vietnam. It's not very helpful, it's not validating, to say to someone after an accident, 'At least you've got four limbs'. If their vehicle is wrecked that is a loss to them," she says.

Schoenfeld says another common mistake occurs when victims are pushed "to get back on the horse" or to "face your fears." She says that, as a blanket statement, it is not always good advice and can extend the victim's trauma before they have a chance to recover.

She was asked by a front-line worker what to do if they cannot make a connection with the victim or deal with their hysteria. Schoenfeld says that the problem is often gender-related, or the person trying to help is reminding the victim of someone negative. She suggested trying to find another individual to help them or simply ask them what it is they can do to help such as phoning someone for them.

As a result of the conference a committee has been formed to address the issue and look at how to put the mechanisms in place to assist victims in getting the help and services they need.



Irene Schoenfeld

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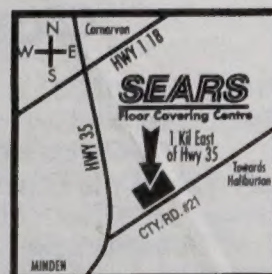
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Bring on 2005

The year 2004 had its ups and downs and 2005 promises to be interesting, if nothing else. We all have hopes for the coming year. Whether it is wishes for good health for our families and friends, prosperity or financial security, the dawn of a new year seems to bring hope for better things to come.

The year 2004 was not without its highlights for some Minden area people. Ben Manuge's big lottery win comes immediately to mind. After hovering on the brink of death with a serious ailment, Ben's recovery got a huge boost with the windfall. We haven't heard of anyone who would begrudge the Ontario Provincial Police officer and his family the lottery win. It was one of those cases where people who know Ben and his family were happy to hear the news.

On the cultural scene, the go-ahead on the Agnes Jamieson Gallery/Minden Cultural Centre expansion has been a welcome improvement. We look forward to the official opening early in 2005.

Another highlight from 2004 was the decision to get on with the expansion of the Minden Hills municipal office. Some will argue that a new building would have been more cost efficient than expanding the existing one, but at least a decision was made and the municipal staff will have much better working conditions. We can only hope that the new digs will result in a boost in morale and allow the staff members to do their jobs more efficiently, without falling over each other. Cramped quarters are not conducive to productivity and Minden Hills council members recognized that fact.

The purchase of new equipment for the hospital is always a positive occasion and the Minden Hospital had its share of new equipment in 2004. The addition of medical services such as physiotherapy and added funding for mental health and other services have improved services as well.

As for 2005 we would like to see some improvement in how the upper levels of government operate – especially how they administer the tax money they collect from us.

On the federal level, we would like to see someone held accountable for the misappropriation of our tax dollars in the AdScam scandal. If something like that were to be revealed in the private sector there is no question that those responsible would spend some time behind bars. We should expect no less when the public trust has been so blatantly violated.

Trust in our elected officials as well as the bureaucrats who report to them has been seriously eroded. Politicians should resolve to purge those among them who have violated our trust. We won't hold our breath, however.

The same holds true at the provincial level when it comes to trust. We all know that politicians often make promises they know can't possibly be kept, but Mr. McGuinty and company have taken that well beyond anything that could be considered acceptable.

The argument that the deficit inherited from the previous Tory government was higher than expected doesn't cut it. The Tories inherited a much larger deficit from the NDP, as we recall, and still managed to live up to most of their promises. Whether or not we agreed with those decisions is beside the point.

Governments are elected because enough voters believe they will at least come through on the majority of their promises. Excuses wear thin very quickly.

So, let's keep reminding our federal and provincial governments that if they hope to continue to govern, they must earn our trust. We would expect no less in the private sector and we should expect no less from governments.

—jg



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Grass and snow.

Photo by DARREN LUM/Times

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Health situation urgent

To the Editor

I read with trepidation the future of medical coverage in Minden area as outlined in recent editions of the *Times*. We read that the government is looking at medical teams consisting of whatever to provide services to under-served communities. Have we not learned our lesson as yet from the time we had the sod turning at Hyland Crest and Haliburton Hospital? Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer and her Tory troops announced that we would have a community health complex that would be a pilot example of what would be the future of rural health care in Ontario. We are still waiting six years later.

We now have one doctor who is in the process of retiring and the word has been circulated that the clinic will be closed. Two of the physicians in that clinic would like to continue their practices but from all reports the financial burden from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board (who were instrumental in coaxing

them out of the old Lions Medical Centre) has not been resolved.

Some but not all of our council have voiced concern. We found money by whatever means to add onto the municipal building, we have a new art gallery, now comes the big question – what is holding us back from either erecting a building or renovating a property to house our existing two doctors with the view to enticing more physicians to Minden Hills? Kinmount successfully acquired suitable clinic space and have two excellent physicians, Haliburton is building a clinic to enable them to keep their physicians. If the costs are prohibitive at the Hyland Crest site then we need to look elsewhere for more reasonable or even subsidized accommodation like many other areas presently do.

Our situation is urgent; hopefully the health services board and administration will realize this is no time for political football.

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When dreams come true

With New Year's Eve approaching and countless resolutions about to be made and broken, I think it's only fair to remind you to be careful what you wish for in the upcoming year.

I proved the wisdom of this during last bass season when I parked my car near a public pier on a lake I'd never been to before. The only other person there was an old man fishing for smallmouth bass and pike. Since I had time and there was plenty of room, I got out my fly rod. Little did I know that one of my wishes would come true that day.

The old timer and I nodded to each other, as anglers do, and went about our business, making efforts not to interfere with the others enjoyment of the day.

Unfortunately, not everyone is so considerate. Just then, two very fit, voluptuous, and cheerful young women walked up to us and asked us if we'd mind if they sunbathed at the end of the pier. Talk about selfish. That's where the best water was.

Now, if I knew then what I know now,

I would have simply reeled in and walked away. Drool is not good for a fly reel.

But, then, I was aware that we sportsmen need to make better efforts to promote a good public image so I reluctantly consented by nodding profusely, smiling, and sucking in my gut several belt notches.

The old fellow and I rolled our collective eyeballs and shuffled down the pier a bit to make room. Meanwhile the women laid out their towels and disrobed into the skimpiest string bikinis I had ever seen, parts of which could have doubled as fishing line. Not that I noticed.

Coincidentally, it was at that very moment that my finely tuned cast fell apart for the first time. The old man, perhaps disgusted by this, merely gave a head shake and took off in a huff. Three

good runs later, however, I managed to land and unhook him. Needless to say, he doesn't look too happy in the photos. But back to the story.

The young women began slathering themselves in suntan lotion and various oils that glistened. As if this weren't enough, then they made a further nuisance of themselves by asking if I might help them out by rubbing that stuff on their backs.

Enough was enough. I looked the first woman in the eye and calmly explained that I was a serious angler bent on a mission — though not in any language I had ever heard before.

Disappointed, I suspect beyond belief, they pouted and took to rubbing the oils on each other.

For some reason, my casting accuracy deteriorated further. Maybe this explains why I hooked into a good smallmouth bass and, within a few minutes, landed it.

The women, unversed as they were in the finer points of angling, ran over in that slow-motion *Baywatch* kind of way and asked if I was all right. I guess they had never seen an angler moonwalk prior to kissing his catch.

Talk about a momentous occasion. At four pounds, it was the biggest smallmouth I had ever caught on a fly. Better yet, I caught it in front of two beautiful and credible witnesses who kept looking over in astonishment while muttering "Gosh, that's a big one! I'd be afraid to hold it."

I still dream about it.

A red-blooded angler couldn't have asked for a better morning so I quickly drove to my friend's place and relayed the events. And then I took a cold shower. It's not every day that you catch a fine fish in front of two shapely women in bikinis who bounce and giggle with excitement.

The funny thing is, though my wish did come true, my buddy never did believe me. In fact, all he said was, "Four pound bass? You? Yeah right!"



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

It was an unexpected debate

All the woman on the telephone wanted was a change in my financial arrangements with what was once the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, but she kept putting her foot in it.

Her call was on behalf of what now calls itself *Ontario Nature* and she wanted me to abandon my once-a-year paper cheque for monthly electronic payments.

Let me interrupt myself to say that what used to be the FON is a splendid organization that is mostly on the side of the angels and I feel a little guilty about picking on it here.

I suppose my caller was only trying to soften me up for her pitch with a little idle chit-chat, proving to me that her call wasn't just about money.

The year had been a triumph for *Ontario Nature*, she said, because the McGuinty gang had been persuaded to install a moat around the Greater Toronto Area and call it a Green Belt.

Now I had read about the Green Belt and it seemed like every bit as good an idea as it seemed when John Robarts or Bill Davis or some other old Tory first proposed it back when dinosaurs still walked the earth.

However, our telephone conversation

was unexpected and I was not prepared for a debate. I should have been able to remind her that the Green Belt was not a done deal, that it had been put into hibernation until spring.

Instead, my best, and weak, rejoinder was that I was pleased to hear of the Green Belt but that I lived in Haliburton and some of us up here thought Ontario had other environmental issues like, for example, the closing of the Frost Centre.

It was difficult to tell whether she had ever heard of the Frost Centre, but she didn't miss a beat. Yes, well, she said, we think stopping urban sprawl from paving over all of southern Ontario is the most important thing.

Only a fool would argue that more of southern Ontario needs paving over or that more urban sprawl would be a good thing. Not wishing to appear a fool, I merely observed that the Green Belt plan appeared not to be without flaws.

It seems, for example, to be designed to ruin many of the Green Belt farmers whose way of life it supposedly is going

to preserve. Farmers who borrowed against the development potential of their land suddenly face the loss of that potential, and their equity, at the stroke of a government pen, which hardly seems fair.

It was not clear whether my caller had any concern at all about the impact of the Green Belt on those farmers or on anybody else who lives in it, because she immediately began talking about logging in the Green Belt.

The chit-chat had gone about as far as it could go; we both were tired of it. A cheque it must be, I told my caller,

and we ended our conversation before it got out of hand.

Perhaps when they did the renaming, it should have become *Toronto Nature*, I thought, but I sent my cheque anyway.

So far as you could tell by looking at a picture in the Dec. 17 *Times*, you just about had to wear a uniform to get any credit for putting the 911 system in place.

There were a bunch of fire chiefs and

policemen and the boss of emergency services all lined up in a row with a couple of men in suites to celebrate the arrival of the telephone emergency service.

So far as you could tell by looking at the picture and the comprehensive story that went with it, the launch of the 911 service was the closest thing to the immaculate conception to come along in 2,000 years.

So far as you could tell, telepathy must have located all the homes and businesses in the county and the new road signs and street numbers must have seeded themselves where they grew.

So far as you could tell, there were never any foot soldiers working long stressful hours for more than three years to make it happen.

In the published account, the 911 crew got exactly one sentence in the bottom of one paragraph. That gave their full-time work the same credit as the cottage associations were given.

The gang working under the registry office had to deal with as much information as most of us will confront in a lifetime. They *did* sweat the details and made 911 work.

And somebody should have noticed.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Come visit MPP Laurie Scott at levee

Great Christmas traditions are timeless. Families gathering for dinners, singing Christmas carols, trimming the tree and seeing the magic in the eyes of children as they feel the excitement of the Christmas holiday.

Most of all, it is the warmth and generosity of spirit that marks this special season.

Our local volunteers work hard to bring the spirit of Christmas to us all. These

volunteers are making Christmas come alive for children and families who otherwise would not have a Christmas celebration. From Santa Claus parades to toy drives and our local food banks, community

members have worked hard to bring happiness into people's lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those volunteers, and to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and

best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

Please accept my invitation to attend my annual New Year's Levee on Saturday January 8 at the Wigamog Inn in Haliburton from 2-4 or on Sunday January 9, 2005 at the Lindsay Inn (354 Lindsay St. South — Lindsay).

Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to local food banks. I look forward to seeing you there.

LAURIE SCOTT

News from the Highlands' MPP

Nipples North

Women walk 60 kilometres to end breast cancer

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Half a dozen local women who call themselves "Nipples North" are doing what they can to help fight breast cancer.

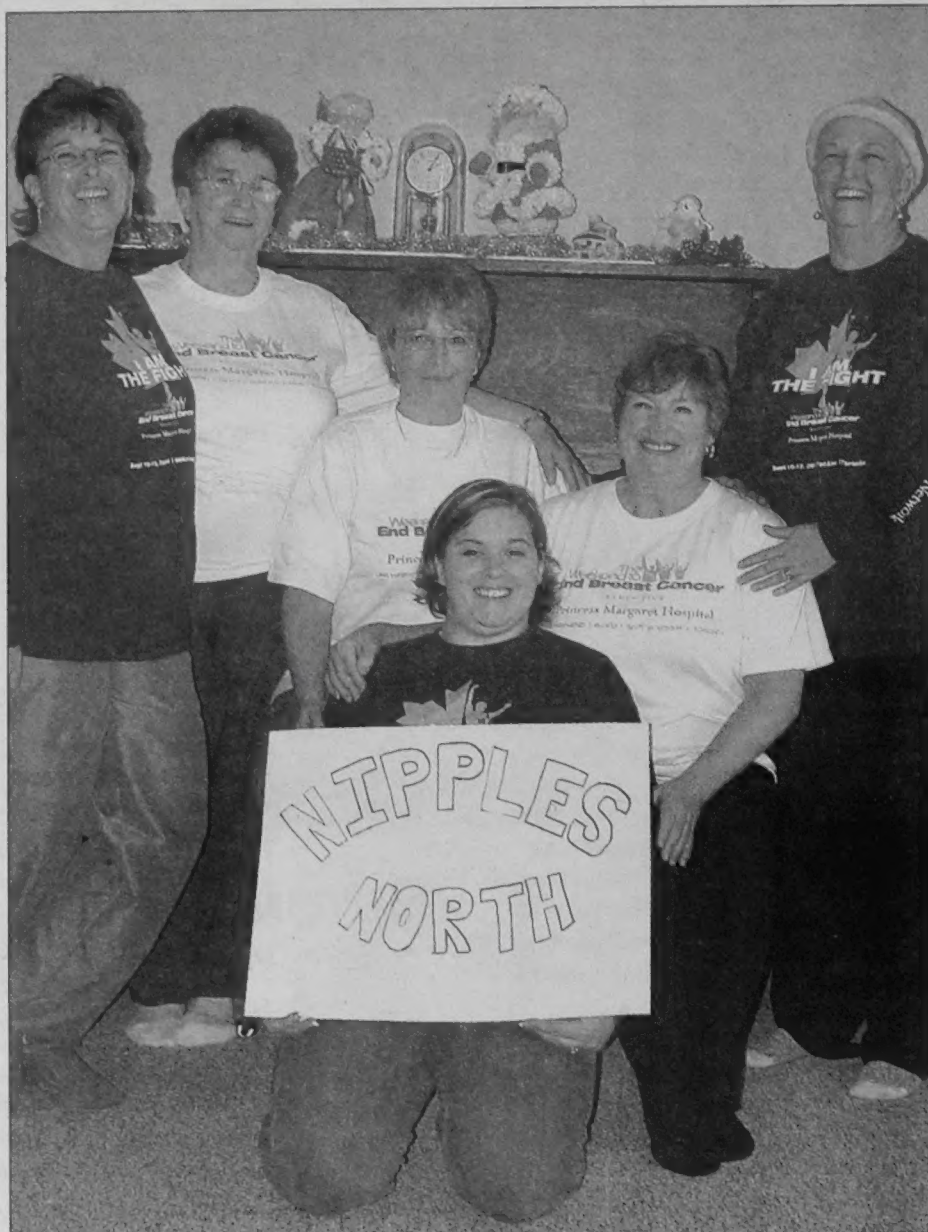
Some are breast cancer survivors and some are family members and friends. They will be participating in the 2005 Weekend To End Breast Cancer, an event which is held annually in September at various locations across Canada.

The team consists of Joyce Broersma, Anne Jefferson (Broersma), Edna Burden, Jean Broersma, Tracey Gilbert and Maggie Broersma.

Anne, Joan and Maggie were scheduled to walk in the 2004 event but Maggie broke her ankle and was unable to participate. That's when Jean's daughter Tracey Gilbert stepped in to walk in place of her aunt. In the 2004 walk, the trio was walking in support of Joyce who is a breast cancer survivor.

The original three (four including substitute walker Tracey) will be joined by Joyce and Edna Burden of West Guilford. Together, the six-person Nipples North team will have to raise a minimum of \$12,000 to participate in next September's walk. They hope to exceed that amount. "We have set a goal of \$18,000," Jean Broersma said.

The local participants will be dedicating their 2005 walk to another one of their own. Anne Jefferson (Jean



Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

Members of the 2005 Nipples North team who will be participating in the Weekend To End Breast Cancer walk are, left to right: Jean Broersma, Joyce Broersma, Maggie Broersma, Tracey Gilbert (front), Edna Burden and Anne Jefferson.

and Maggie's sister, Joyce's daughter and Tracey's aunt) was diagnosed with breast cancer a week and a half after completing the Weekend to End Breast Cancer Walk this past September.

With three breast cancer survivors among the local six (Edna Burden is a survivor), the Nipples North team is very determined to raise as much as possible for the cause.

One of the fundraising events the team is organizing for the 2005 Walk to End Breast Cancer is the inaugural Co-Ed Hockey Tournament which will be held March 11 and 12 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. All proceeds from the tournament will go to the Princess Margaret Hospital for breast cancer research and will be part of the team's goal of \$18,000.

Registration for the hockey tournament is \$350 per team. To register or for more information, contact Tracey or Jean at 286-2175 or 286-6704.

In addition to the mandatory \$2,000 minimum each of the women must raise to participate in the walk, they also must pay \$75 to register for the walk.

The 2004 walk saw the local trio of walkers raise \$9,831.94. A total of \$14.7-million was raised across Canada during the event in September of this year, with 4,565 walkers participating.

The Nipples North team was a family group until Edna joined. During their fundraising efforts, the original three set up camp in front of the West Guilford Shopping Centre asking patrons for donations for their cause. As a survivor herself, Edna decided to join the team for the

2005 campaign.

Participants in the Weekend To End Breast Cancer walk a total of 60 kilometres over two days. Jean said the family trio who participated in the 2004 walk did 33.8 kilometres the first day and 30 km. the second day for a total of 63.8 km.

The Nipples North crew has about eight and a half months to meet the minimum of \$12,000 for the September 9 to 11, 2005 walk.

"It really is an incredible journey," Jean Broersma said. "You meet some wonderful people; some are still recovering while they are doing the walk."

The Nipples North team extends a special thanks to all its friends, family members and strangers who have supported the cause and continue to do so. The team also appreciates the support of local businesses, including the Minden and Haliburton IGA stores. The liquor stores in both communities, Minden Home Hardware, Sharpley's Source for Sports, the Rockcliffe Hotel, West Guilford Shopping Centre and The Haliburton County Fair Committee.

Donations can be made by contacting any of the members of the Nipples North team or they can be made online at the Weekend To End Breast Cancer website at: www.endcancer.ca. Go to the "Sponsor a Participant" menu near the top of the page and enter either a participant's name or the team name and select "find a participant." A thermometer at the right of the screen indicates how much your chosen participant has raised in her goal to reach \$2,000.

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Legion winners

Eighteen Archie Stouffer Elementary School students were honoured for their posters, poetry, and essays by Minden Legion President Georgina Parkes preceding the Christmas assembly on Friday, Dec. 17. Primary colour posters, 1st Christopher Hall, 2nd Mac Monk-Cray, 3rd Jordan Hamilton. Junior colour posters, 1st Myia Newton, 2nd Daniel Merritt, 3rd Megan McKay. Intermediate colour posters, 1st

Kaitlin Allore, 2nd Kelsey Crowe, 3rd Dylan Reynolds. Junior black and white posters, 1st Kirsten Schollig, 2nd Nichole Honderich, 3rd Kaily Schell. Intermediate black and white posters, 1st Emma Stephens, 2nd Erin Pottier, 3rd Daniel Boisvert. Junior poetry, 1st Myia Newton, 2nd Teghan Dodds, 3rd Tara O'Sullivan. Intermediate poetry, 1st Kelsey Crowe, 2nd Peter Markowski, 3rd Mitchell Rea. Junior essays, 1st Mark Vasey, 2nd Kaily Schell, 3rd Tara O'Sullivan. Intermediate Essays, 1st Kaitlin Allore, 2nd Erica MacMartin, 3rd Kelsey Crowe.

Log chute removed so restoration can begin in earnest

by CAROL MOFFATT
Special to The Times

After months of waiting it's done!

The old log chute was removed from the riverbed in mid-December by Hawk River Construction.



The lower part of the chute sits on several layers of cribbing. Here, the chute and cribbing dwarf Paul Dovell and Ronnie Stevens.

Under the guidance of Tommy Bagshaw, workers Paul Dovell and Ronnie Stevens pretty well earned their keep by choking the tim-

Using a log skidder and a whole lot of elbow grease, the chute was dragged up the bank in sections. Visit the photo gallery at www.stanhopemuseum.on.ca for some of the photos of this job.

Under the

bers and then guiding them up the steep, rocky bank. Both Paul and Ronnie figured they were going to sleep well each night during the job!

The old timbers - spikes and all - have been removed to one of the township pits.

If you've ever wondered what a river looks like when the water is removed, you must check out the photo

gallery for a side-by-side comparison.

The 'dam guys' were instrumental in the project, arriving each of the three mornings to stop up the water, then returning each afternoon to let it out. Thanks to Doug Neals and the TSW gang.

Cottage Life magazine has confirmed that the log chute story will be in its Spring issue.



"The Cardinal has merely beauty to give, while we have so much more"

For the seventh year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters. To date this campaign has raised **\$59,396.00**. The proceeds will assist the Foundation to pay off the \$1,100,000 capital loan on the Health Care Facilities.

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation sincerely thank our Honourary Chairmen for our 2004 "Cardinal Christmas" campaign, **Dr. Norm Bottum** and **Dr. Bert Lauwers**.

If you have *"so much more to give"* this Holiday Season, your gift can be sent to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, Box 1413, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 or Box 30, Minden, ON K0M 2K0 or you can deposit your gift in the donation boxes at the Minden and Haliburton Facilities.

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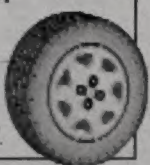
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Minden hosts J.O. Jackson Bonspiel

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Mike Jackson gives his shot a little assistance, leaning to his right during mid-day action at the bonspiel.



Dwight Thomas watches teammates, from left Larry Goreski, Royce Miller and Eric Casper.



Royce Miller waits for his turn.



The 2004 J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel curling champions show off their hard-earned hardware, presented by Jean Jackson and her son Mike (kneeling): Tony Taylor, Ian Cavanagh, and Wilf Wityshyn. Missing from the picture is Doug Brown. The curling tournament is held each year in memory of Mrs. Jackson's late husband.

Carnarvon Lanes bowling results

No Tuesday afternoon or Tuesday night
bowling for December 21.
Wednesday Afternoon December 22
High Average: Ken Thompson 206;

Carol Snow 179
High Single: Bev Hunt 240; Carol
Snow 247
High Single HC: Bev Hunt 290; Tilly

Grosschadl 318
High Triple: Bev Hunt 643; Carol Snow 597
High Triple HC: Bev Hunt 793; Tilly
Grosschadl 777

Jackrabbit ski program for children starts January 8

NORDICNOTES

Blake Paton

The Jackrabbit ski group will begin on Saturday, January 8 from 1:30-3:00 at Glebe Park. Parents of children 4-13 years old should bring both the kids and their equipment to the park in plenty of time to get registered for another year of fun and skiing.

The Jackrabbit program has taught thousands of youngsters the fundamentals of skiing in a fun atmosphere in Canada over the years. Olympic champion, Beckie Scott, started out as a Jackrabbit, and she proves what an effective program it is.

Cross Country Canada has revised the skill development program this year. The Bunnyrabbits, for 4-6 year olds, now have their own skill sticker and badge program. The new Jackrabbit program for 6-9 year olds has 5 technique levels. The third stage/level is Junior Development for 10-13 year olds.

There are awards stickers that provide incentives to improve technique, endurance and speed, but the most important goal is to learn that winter and snow provide a great opportunity for outdoor enjoyment and adventure.

Each child is registered with Cross Country Canada as either a "Jack Rabbit" or a "Racing Rabbit". The Saturday classes start with warm up exercises, followed by nordic skills and games, depending on the ability and age of the child. At 2:45 p.m. everyone heads to the clubhouse for hot chocolate.

It is easy to notice two benefits of this fine program that Jane Heyes works hard to organize. First, I've noticed some great young skiers who learned to ski as Jackrabbits. Some are now regional champions, and some will soon be on the podium. Secondly, I've noticed some families who began skiing together because of the Jackrabbit program, so consider setting an example for your children by getting out and skiing while they learn the fundamentals.

For those who do not have equipment for their kids, the Haliburton Ski Club rents ski packages on a cost recovery basis (\$50 per year), and the program fees are quite modest.

For more information on the ski club and its programs, visit www.skihaliburton.com. Meanwhile, get out there and enjoy the beautiful conditions. The trails have never been better!

Darren Lum/TIMES



Hitting the hills

Snowboarder Kristen Schollig rides the hill behind Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden on Wednesday, Dec. 22. Sir Sam's Ski Area in Eagle Lake has been having one of its busiest Christmas seasons ever.

Santa visits Red Wolves' party

The Red Wolves 5 Pin Bowling Team combined the last training session of the season with a Christmas party at Minden Hills Lanes. The Red Wolves are members of Special Olympics Ontario.

Since 1998, 32 athletes ranging in age from 13 to 35 have participated in the program. Coach Linda Brandon noted that the athletes have two goals: "They strive to be the best they can be by beating their own personal best scores and they compete with other members."

The current leader is Chris Snoddon of Kinmount, with Lisa Burk of Lochlin second and Brad Trumbull of Minden third.

The weekly training sessions are Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Minden Hills Lanes, with owners Scott

and Michelle Moore often assisting with coaching. The season runs from September to spring. "While having fun, we do take the sport seriously and each athlete has his or her training progress tracked in a sports log," Brandon said. "We train with the Special Olympics oath in mind and which is recited each week by Jason Hollowell."

The oath is "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Coach (and Pastor) Brian Plouffe provides a special inspirational weekly team blessing. Team Captains Lisa Burk, Carrie Crego, Chris Snoddon and Douglas Walli lead the group in pre-game warm-ups.

Qualifying athletes will compete in two SOO Invitational Tournaments held in

Oshawa in January and in Peterborough in April. The Red Wolves also participate in the annual OPP Torch Run, a fundraising event for Special Olympics.

The team extends its deepest appreciation to team donor supporters: Delane Sawyer (Honourary Coach), John Pentney and Minden Home Hardware, Steve and Joan Taylor, David Honderich, the Thomas family and V&S Minden, Deborah Lyons and The Storeroom, Scott and Michelle Moore and Minden Lanes, Haliburton Highlands OPP, and Sharpley Source for Sports.

Donations are always welcome. They can be forwarded to Special Olympics - Red Wolves, Box 641, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0.



The party included Brandon Bailey, Carrie Crego, Jason Hollowell, Laura Plouffe, Erica Roberts, Luke Shapiera, Chris Snoddon, Russ Snoddon, Brad Trumbull, Laura Voiccy and Douglas Walli. Lisa Burk and Andrew Sharp were unable to attend. Coaches, supporters and volunteers include Sarah Grozelle, Jennifer McCrea, Mary McKelvey, Brian Plouffe, Pauline Sharp, Chandal Sutherland, Linda Snoddon, John Kellett, Sue Long, Michelle Shapiera, Scott Moore, Michelle Moore, Cody Arthurs and Ed Sharp. Team members are from across Haliburton County and beyond.

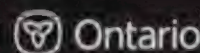
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Novices get the holiday blues

by MIKE LOPEZ
Special to The Times

This past Monday saw the Novice Storm travel to Beaverton for an eight-team Christmas tournament.

The Storm's first opponents were the Barrie Colts. Kirk Lopez chipped the puck up to a streaking Nathan Feir, who fooled the goalie with a wrist shot as he crossed the blue line. Twenty seconds later the game's MVP, Curtis Ballantyne burst in alone after receiving a pass from Julia Fideski to stake the Novices to a two-goal lead.

The Novices lost their scoring touch the rest of the way as the Colts battled back to make it 2-1 entering the third frame. Goaltender Jordan Hamilton stood his ground to keep the Colts at bay, as the Storm held off the determined Colts. Final Score Storm 2 - Colts 1.

Game 2 had the Storm playing the Essa Eagles. Just like in game one, the Storm burst out of the gate with two quick goals. Curtis Ballantyne continued his hot hand scoring two minutes in as he broke in alone and roofed a shot high to the goaltenders glove side. Mac Monk Cray tapped in a rebound from Kirk Lopez three minutes later as the Storm appeared determined to walk away with the game.

The second period saw the teams exchange chances with Christopher Hall standing tall between the pipes. With the Storm up by two, the Eagles broke in on a two-man breakaway, which saw Hall stopping not just the first shot but the second and third shots before the defence could clear the rebound. The Eagles gained

momentum midway in the second finally beating Hall to cut the Storm's lead in half.

The Eagles took control of the game scoring two goals in the third to skate away with 3 - 2 win over the Storm. Christopher Hall earned the MVP award for his stellar play in goal. Final Score Eagles 3 - Storm 2

Game 3 saw the Storm in the C final game against the Mariposa Lightning. The Storm were short two of their better players, Spencer Trueman and Tyler Berry, as the tired Novices took to the ice. The Storm were down by two before Curtis Ballantyne scored with thirty seconds left in the first period. Despite Jordan Hamilton's strong play in goal the Lightning added two more goals in the second, as the depleted Storm squad looked lethargic during the second period.

Sparkplug Curtis Ballantyne started the Storm's comeback a minute into the third scoring his second of the game. Kirk Lopez then tapped in a rebound off of a Nathan Feir shot to bring the Storm within one. With seven minutes to play Hamilton stoned the Lightning on a breakaway, when Ballantyne then skated up the ice drilling a shot to the goalie's stick side to tie the score at five.

The Storm exchanged chances with Lightning in overtime but came up short when the Lightning scored on the three-on-three play to send thee exhausted Storm home with only their second loss in tournament play. Curtis Ballantyne earned his second MVP honours of the tournament with his hattrick performance. Final Score Lightning 5 - Storm 4

Volunteers remove kilogram of debris from Clear Lake shoreline

A handful of volunteers cleaned Clear Lake earlier this fall. In total, the volunteers cleaned 0.4 km of shoreline, collecting 1 kg of trash.

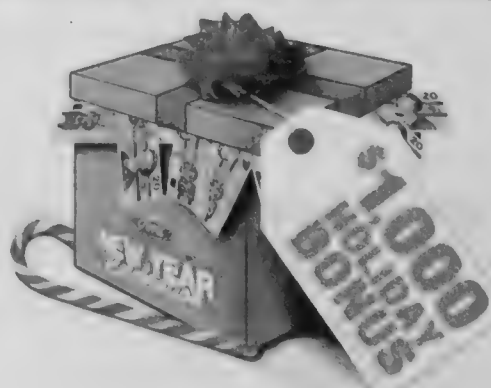
These volunteers came together to help cleanup Minden's waterways as part of the Vancouver Aquarium's Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup presented by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

What began in 1994 as a local initiative based in Vancouver has developed into a national cleanup campaign extending into each of Canada's ten provinces and three territories. This year's annual cleanup took place during the week of September 18 at rivers, streams, lakes and ocean shorelines across the country. The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. Data collected by Canadians during this campaign is included in the Ocean Conservancy's global analysis of shoreline debris.

Cleanups are more than just trash collection. They represent an opportunity for education and direct action. Individuals learn about the dangerous affects of aquatic debris, and community's work together to create solutions to ensure our oceans and waterways are kept clean.

Next year the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup will take place again during the third week of September. Online registration is already available at www.vanaqua.org/cleanup.

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On Thursday Dec. 16 the First Schedule finals for the Thursday Mixed League were held at the Minden Curling Club, after which the following awards were presented. League Play winners of the Howard Scott Plumbing Trophy are Jack Taylor (Skip), Winn Taylor, Bruce Fisher and Marion LaRocca. The Second schedule for all leagues begin the week of Jan 3, 2005. New members are welcome. Please contact Terry O'Shea at 286-4342 or Barb Millington at 286-1320.



Playoff "B" division winners are Mike Clewlow (Skip), Carol Alain, Sandra vonHunnius and Sigi vonHunnius.



Playoff Champions, winners of the Minden Times Trophy, are Scotty Boyd (Skip), Jane Boyd, Audrey Robson and Steve Robson.



Playoff "C" division winners are Dave Blakey (Skip), Linda Pawluch, Nick Pawluch and Dave Bradshaw (not shown).

Razzamataz fun continues with the Funky Mamas

The second show in the Razzamataz Kids Shows! series takes place at 2 p.m. on Sunday January 9 when the Funky Mamas come to the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton.

The Funky Mamas play a mixture of blues, pop, bluegrass and folk music, with harmonizing vocals and a playful variety of instruments, including penny-whistle and musical saw. They cover familiar tunes such as Teddy Bears' Picnic and Oh Susannah, and compose creative originals like the Pancake Song and Bedtime Blues.

Kate, Alicia, Georgia, Chantal, Pam and Tannis have 15 children among them, and know how to get kids giggling, dancing and singing along with their colourful antics, and adults will enjoy the music too.

Eric Thom compared the Funky Mamas to Eric Nagler, Jack Grunsky, Raffi, and Fred Penner when he wrote, "There are great Canadian acts that understand that parents are listening too."

In fact, the Mamas confidently guarantee happy parents, laughing children and good times! You can find out more about them at www.thefunkymamas.com. To take the funkiness home, they will be selling CDs, T-shirts and instruments at the show.

You can learn more about the Funky Mamas, and about the 2004-2005 Razzamataz season, at the NEW WEBSITE, www.razzamataz.ca. If you never really paid attention to how many z's there are in Razzamataz, you will need to spell it correctly this time to find the website!

This show is presented through the generous sponsorship of Minden Pharmasave Drug Store, Churko Furniture and Haliburton IGA. Tickets are available at the door, and adult tickets are \$8 while children's are \$6. Children under 2 are admitted free of charge.

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Year end brings mixed emotions

Bird feeder is the busiest spot on Connemara Farm

Saying goodbye to 2004 brings mixed emotions. After almost three years of difficulty Bruce's restored mobility following hip replacement surgery has certainly been a positive change. It has been great to once again enjoy attending community events in comfort and to read the newly arrived Stratford Festival brochure with plans to attend. On Boxing Day, grandson Benjamin, already 10 months old, lit the room with his contagious smile and gift de-wrapping technique. As with everyone else we were saddened by the loss of friends and neighbours who will be much missed and fondly remembered. From the old farmhouse here at Connemara to your home warmest wishes for 2005.

The Galway & Area Ratepayers Association Inc. will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, January 15, 2005 at the Galway Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This Association provides its members and other residents of the Galway area community with a public forum to receive information of interest and share common concerns. Everyone is welcome. The Galway Hall is located on the Galway Road south of Kinmount off C.R. 121. For more information please contact Bruce Fleury at 488-2938.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together. This week's column will only have a few results listed as many of the groups are taking a break over the holiday season.

Wednesday, December 22 bid euchre at Stanhope: In the moonshot department Katie Parker had a single while Lottie Ruttan and Jean Dutka each had two. Barb Robitaille led the pinks at 258 followed by Helen Luffman 228 and Muriel Harrington 219. Tied in top spot for the white cards at 254 were Tom Orr and Chris Clarke with Pat Scadden next at 213 and Tom Pearson 203 third. Bid euchre at Stanhope will close down for December 29th and January 5th. Rob and Sharon Evans wish all our card

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player friends a safe and healthy new year and look forward to seeing them all back on January 12th. Thanks to Gala Stamp for this report.

Wednesday, December 22 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: This evening proved to be a Wilkins family event with Mary winning both for high lady and most lone hands and husband Ted for high man. Low scores ladies/men went to Emily Harvie and Roger Fournier while Bill St. Thomas took the special prize. This euchre, which is open to non-seniors as well, starts at 7:30 p.m. Newcomers, including anyone who would like to learn or improve their skill level, are most welcome to come out. The cost is \$2.00 and for more details the contact person is Mildred St. Thomas at 488-2728.

Monday, December 27 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Martha Harding was double lucky winning both for high hands and the special prize. For most lone hands the honours went to Pat Bailey while Cecile Smith took the prize for low hands.

Monday, December 27 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Ida Young topped the scoring chart with our reporter Mildred St. Thomas filling the second high slot. Moonshots went to Marjorie Paradis and Thelma Francis while Bill St. Thomas won the special prize again. This bid euchre program is an afternoon event with cards starting a 1 p.m. and a Pot Luck Lunch beforehand. The cost for cards is \$2 and newcomers of all skill levels including beginners are welcome to join in. For more information the contact person is Mildred St. Thomas at 488-2728.

Tuesday, December 28 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: In

first place was Beverley Alexander who managed a score of 428 on her own. Teamed up for second spot were George Hamilton and Helen Skelding at 319 with Bob Alexander and Marj Hamilton recording the afternoon's low of 155 points. Syd Lockhart advises that there will be no shuffleboard until January 11th.

Tuesday, December 28 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Leading the scoring at 231 was Helen Luffman with Maria Tschida second at 223 and Kevin Maloney tied with Marcel Roussel for third place at 211. The moonshot winners were our reporter Jean Scadden and Pat Roussel while hidden scores were uncovered by Gala Stamp, Edith Burch and Maria Tschida. Jean

and Pat Scadden want to thank all the players for their attendance and support.

In closing, the kitchen porch bird feeder is the busiest spot on the farm with its constant stream of arrivals and departures.

Small chickadees accept no nonsense from blue jays, whisky jacks or even our sole downy woodpecker. Christmas morning, while stuffing the turkey, my eye was drawn to the dooryard's bare tree line. Through the binoculars three very large birds roosting there matched the bird guide's illustration of the grouse or partridge family.

Daily visits continue with what appears to be wistful glances towards the inaccessible feeder.



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Norland resident wins

Suzie England of Norland had the winning bingo card for the Kinsmen Super TV Bingo. The card was worth \$3,000. A group of four Norland area women buy cards for each of the bingos and share any money they win. England's lucky card winnings will be shared with Peggy Brown, Darlene Primrose and Marion Liscombe. Kinsmen representatives Gord Barter and Karin Koch presented the cheque to Suzie England, Centre. The Kinsmen Super TV Bingo is televised on CHEX TV, Peterborough every Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

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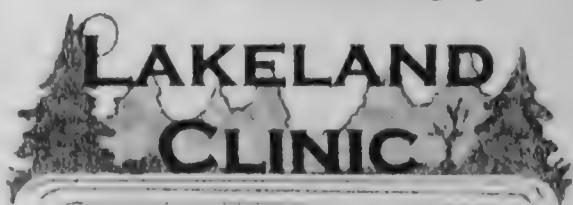
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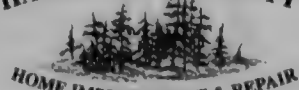
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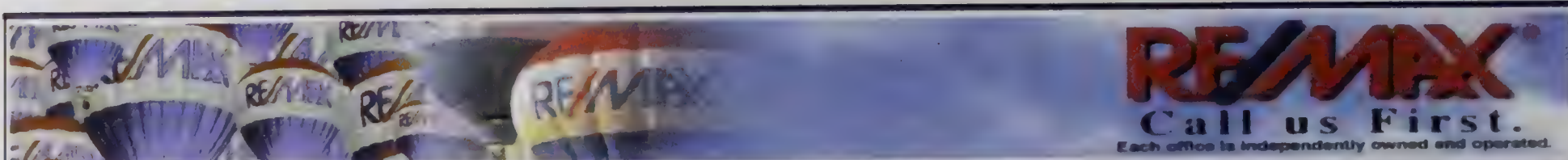
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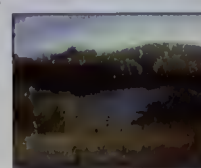
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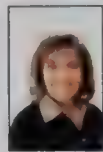
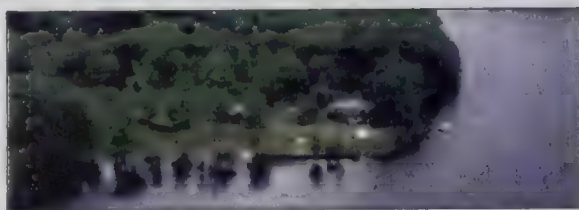
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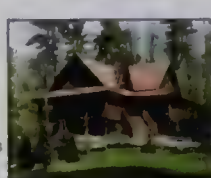
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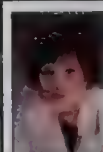
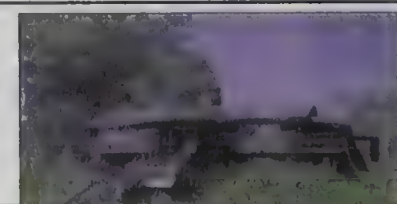
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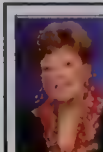
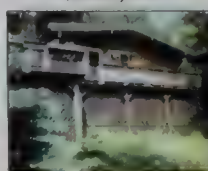
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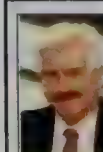


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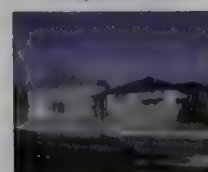
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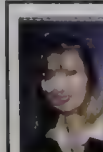
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- **Dorset TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter** meets at the Dorset Rec Centre every Monday at 8:30am for a weigh-in and meeting. All are welcome to join.
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM:** For women 50+ years, screening by appointment only on Thurs and Fri at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral needed. 328-6175.
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- **January 4, 2005:** The Hazelbrae Barnardo Home Memorial Group will meet Jan. 04, 2005, 1:30 p.m. at Northminster United Church. Our guest speaker Mr. Allan Youngman will speak on "My Search for My Great Uncles' Grave. Everyone is welcome. For more info. Phone Ivy at 742-7523.
- **January 6:** The Alzheimer Society of Victoria County family support groups are as follows: Thursday Jan. 6/05, at 10:30 a.m., at Kinmount and District Health Centre, lower level, open group.
- **January 10:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups, Haliburton, January 2005. We are holdingg informal support group meetings. You are welcome to attend. Bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. You are not alone. Minden, Monday, January 10, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at Hyland Crest Meeting Classroom. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, 457-8335.
- **January 14:** The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area presents Author and Alzheimer Caregiver, Marian Ritchie who will discuss her book "The Long Way Home", A Journey through Alzheimer's. Haliburton Friday, January 14, 10:00 - 12:00 noon, Haliburton Highlands Fish Hatchery, County Road 1, Haliburton.
- **January 27:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups, Haliburton January 2005. Haliburton, Thursday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. - noon. Caring with confidence being held at Haliburton Home Support Please call 457-2941 to register. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335. Adult children, family, and friends of persons with Alzheimer Disease or related dementia are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to share information in a relaxed friendly environment.
- **December:** Christmas Office Hours - Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area. The office would be close at noon on Friday, December 24 and remain closed on Monday, Dec. 27 and Tuesday, Dec. 28 and re-open regular hours on Dec. 29 & 30 and close at noon on Dec. 31 and be closed January 3, 2005. The office would re-open for regular hours on Tuesday, January 4, 2005. The 2 satellite offices in Haliburton and Northumberland will notify people on their voicemail of other times they will be closed in between Christmas and New Years, but the 800 number will be available for people to call Peterborough for assistance.

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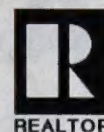
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